

# SHIPPING NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

## BOARD WILL BRING SHIPS UP TO DATE

Plans to Spend \$4,500,000 or More Fitting Vessels for Spring Trade.

### CLOSING OF MAIIS.

Foreign mails will close promptly as indicated below at the General Post Office and City Hall Station. Ordinary prints, samples, parcel post packages and registered articles close two hours earlier, except that registered articles have to be mailed between the hours of 8 AM and 12 PM. At the Foreign Station (corner of Morton and West Streets), foreign airmail, cobs, hats, and other articles close one hour earlier, except that registered articles have to be mailed between the hours of 8 AM and 12 PM. At the Post Office and City Hall Station, where double supplementary mail closes at the General Post Office and City Hall Station, where double postage is required. **SUPPLEMENTARY MAIL** (double postage required) closes at the General Post Office and City Hall Station, where double supplementary mail is accepted on the pier at 6 PM a day earlier than the regular sailing time. Double postage required. The steamers for which supplementary mail is accepted on the pier at time of sailing are shown below by a dagger (†) following time of closing of mail.

### TRANSATLANTIC MAIIS.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 4.

About \$4,500,000 will be spent by the Shipping Board this winter in putting its passenger vessels into top notch condition for the spring trade. This may be doubted as the decision is made to extend for transatlantic service the ex-German liner *Aquitania*, and *Monsieur Veron*, now idle at Hoboken.

On its newer ships, the "SS's" and "MS's," the board is prepared to spend about \$1,000,000. Three-quarters of a million of this will go for additional refrigeration, half a million for new condenser tubes, one-quarter of a million for new pumps, and the remainder for midgets, overhauling and structural changes found necessary after a year or more of steady operation of the vessels.

In general, the changes are designed to satisfy the special freight carrying requirements of the various trades in which the ships are engaged. Of course, the freight carried is the additional refrigeration. The board experimented with the installation of systems of 500 ton capacity on two of the Munson liners operated to South America, and is prepared to go further.

The systems on the South American liners, mainly used to carry fruits out of season, are nearly double the capacity. The two lines operated on the Pacific probably will have refrigeration systems, as the board is informed of a big demand for space for fresh fruits, vegetables and eggs. The United States liners running to London already have plenty of refrigeration, but systems may be installed on the British lines. Hardings and Bremers, on the British lines, with a view to carrying fresh apples.

Plans and specifications are being prepared by the engineering departments of the United States lines, and the Shipping Board for conversion of the America into a cabin class ship and the complete reconditioning of the ex-German liner *Prinz Eugen* to take her into the war, into a cabin carrier. The estimated total cost of these jobs is \$1,500,000, unless the decision is taken to make the vessel oil burners, which would require a large additional sum.

**PRIVATE OWNERS LEAD IN MERCHANT MARINE**

**Oil Burning Vessels Predominate Over Coal Consumers.**

Figures issued yesterday by the American Bureau of Shipping showed that more than half the tonnage of vessels in the country's merchant marine is now oil-burning.

On December 1, 1922, American ships of all types 1,000 gross tons and over, excluding wooden ships and Great Lakes vessels, numbered 2,525 or 12,668,016 gross tons, of which 1,160 of 5,388,647 tons were owned privately and 1,366 of 6,677,369 tons were owned by the Shipping Board.

Oil-burning ships predominated over coal burning in the privately owned vessels, 542 of 15,729,041 used oil, while of the Shipping Board steamers 409 of 5,159,619 were coal burners, and 957 of 5,126,750 were oil burners.

Great Lakes vessels over 1,000 gross tons numbered 449 of 2,116,191 tons, of which all but five, totaling 5,200 tons, were coal burners.

### MARINE NEWS NOTES.

The McDouall Terminal Warehouse Company, Duluth, Minn., through its holding company, the Northern Marine Transport Company, plans establishment of a regular canal and lake service between Duluth and New York, beginning next May, and will let a contract within about ten days for two Diesel electric motorships of 2,300 tons deadweight, designed especially for canal operation.

Alfred Gilbert Smith, president of the New York and Cuba Mail Steamship Company, left Saturday for Havana on a business trip.

The Southern Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company, Orange, Tex., has increased its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000 and will engage in car building under the name of Orange Car and Steel Company. This reduces Orange to one shipbuilding concern, the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, could take care of all the work now offered or likely to be offered if the subsidy fails.

The United American Lines will receive bids on December 10 for miscellaneous repairs and reconditioning work on the steamer *Bellanca*, specifications for which have been issued.

The New York and Porto Rico Steamship Company has appointed Davies, Turner & Co. its agents on the Pacific coast. Shippers will find a marked advantage of the low intercoastal rates to route cargo from the coast for Porto Rico by way of Gulf or Atlantic ports.

**C. P. LINERS' RATES REDUCED.**

London, Dec. 3.—The Canadian Pacific Railway to-day announced revised rates on its transatlantic liners, mainly reduced in third class fares.

**RHINE DOUGHBOYS WILL GIVE KIDDIES MILLIONS**

**Big Subscription in Marks for Xmas Cheer for Germans.**

**COLOMBIA, Dec. 3 (Associated Press)—** The American doughboys in the Rhine and are making up a purse of many millions of marks with which to give German youngsters a real Christmas. The Rhine Land Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars started the purse with 200,000 marks and every soldier in the American forces is giving at least the equivalent of one dollar, which is more than 8,000 marks.

Relief work already has begun among the German poor. A number of soup kitchens are operating, supported largely by officers, and the Veterans Committee is collecting clothing and toys which are to be distributed to the German children at the customary Christmas tree of the American forces in Germany.

**ACTORS AT NEWSPAPER CLUB.**

Entertain Guests at First "Music Hour."

Actors from Broadway shows entertained more than 200 members and guests at the Newspaper Club, 133 West Forty-first street, yesterday at the club's first "Music Hour."

Edie Adams of "Sally, Irene and Mary"; Karen K. Morton and Zula Russell, and Miss Hamilton of "Springtime of Youth"; "Janet of France" and Tommy Tucker of Keith's vaudeville circuit and Julia Silver of the Greenwich Village "Follies" were among those who entertained.

### DEPARTURE OF STEAMERS.

#### SAIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 4.

Aquitania, Southampton, 5:45 N. R. 10:00 AM

Norfolk, Va. 10:00 AM

Saint Lucia, 5:45 N. R.

Apache, Jacksonville, 5:45 N. R.

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